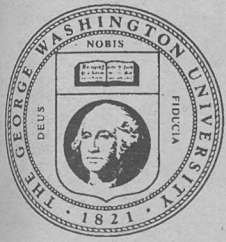


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Undergrad tuition hike of 6.9% is on horizon

University to invest in libraries, financial aid, technology

BY LEE RUMBARGER AND
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GW's Board of Trustees agreed in principle to a 6.9 percent tuition and fees increase for undergraduates at its Friday meeting, sources said, but University administrators said they have not come to any final decision and will not do so for about two weeks.

"We've been authorized to go away and come back within a week to two weeks with a more finely articulated plan," GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said.

While he said the decision has not been finalized, Trachtenberg acknowledged that tuition will "increase somewhat aggressively" and will not likely be as low as last year's 4.9 percent. He added that the increase definitely will not be higher than 6.9 percent.

Sources told The Hatchet that the hike for undergraduates would include a tuition increase of 6.2 percent and a flat "technology fee" of \$200 assessed to all students. In addition, sources said room and

board costs for on-campus undergraduates will increase six percent, bringing the total cost of a GW education to \$28,685.

Law school tuition would rise 5.7 percent to \$23,025, and medical school tuition will rise \$400 on a base tuition of \$30,200, based on the current plan.

With undergraduate applications for admissions skyrocketing 23 percent this year and the University's retention rate at about 90 percent, GW officials said the numbers add up to a university on the rise.

"All the vital signs say we're on a roll," Trachtenberg said. "This is not the time to blink. This is a time to invest in institutionalizing that excellence and enhancing that momentum."

"I've also heard that 6.9 was being considered," Student Association President Damian McKenna said. "As the primary representative of the students ... that is definitely not something students can handle."

Trachtenberg said the University will spend the next two

weeks looking at ways to finance the school's desired improvements and will speak to student leaders before making a final decision.

"Student input is not just necessary, it is essential. It is imperative. We've made it clear that we want to be part of the process," McKenna said, adding that "it would have been useful to get our input before the Board of Trustees meeting."

GW's top priorities for improvement — what Trachtenberg called "big ticket items" — are the school's libraries, the undergraduate financial aid office and technology. In order to meet these needs, the president said the Board authorized using endowment funds as well as increased tuition and fees.

"Those three issues have been the most provocative the last three years," Trachtenberg said. "We think with this move we can dramatically enhance student satisfaction. (The Board) is committed to conspicuously addressing the quality agenda of the institution."

The technology fee would be part of a school-wide overhaul of technology costing as much as \$30

PROPOSED INCREASE

of Tuition, Fees, Room & Board

| Undergraduate (Full Time) | Current | Proposed | % |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Tuition | \$19,065 | \$20,245 | 6.2% |
| University Fee | \$915 | \$915 | 0.0% |
| Technology Fee | \$0 | \$200 | |
| Total Tuition & Fees | \$19,980 | \$21,360 | 6.9% |
| Room | \$4,330 | \$4,590 | 6.0% |
| Board | \$2,580 | \$2,735 | 6.0% |
| Total Room & Board | \$6,910 | \$7,325 | 6.0% |
| Total Costs | \$26,890 | \$28,685 | 6.7% |

million during the next five years. The effort would include new wiring for residence halls, new hardware with wider Internet

access and staff training to curtail "slipping behind the power curve," Trachtenberg said.

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Poster profusion ...



Candidates and supporters plaster the sides of Fungur Hall to catch voters' attention.

Jay Crystal/staff photographer

Candidates go door to door

Residents, SA hopefuls have mixed feelings on campaigning

BY MEREDITH GROSSMAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

They don't bring you Avon make-up or Girl Scout cookies, but they do knock on your door and ask for your support.

Student Association and Program Board candidates began door-to-door campaigning in the residence halls Feb. 11. Campaigning is permitted between 6:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. until the election.

"I don't mind," said Thurston Hall resident Chris Loayza, who lives in Thurston Hall, of the campaigning. "I was planning on voting, and I was wondering how I'd find out about it."

Loayza, a student in the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences, said he didn't even know Carrie Potter was his senator until she came to his door to campaign.

"I think it's the only way to get to know people, but at the same time, you don't know them," said Danielle Storey, a freshman who also lives in Thurston. "It's kind of weird to be voting as a freshman because you don't really know who you're voting for."

That's exactly why Potter and Patrick Macmanus, two of the three candidates running for the two undergraduate senator at large positions, both said the freshmen are an important group to target in their residence hall campaigning. Patrick Preston, the third candidate in that race, said he doesn't agree with the idea of campaigning in the residence halls.

"Basically, I feel that it's a bother on residents, it's a nuisance," said Preston, a sophomore political science major. "There's plenty of ways to get out the

message for each candidate's campaign ... and going around each residence hall, knocking on doors, bothering people, making sure they know about you, but not sure that they know what you represent is not my idea of campaigning."

For those who feel bothered by the campaigning, the "No campaigning allowed" signs provided by the Joint Elections Committee come in handy.

"I just like the idea that you can put the signs up so people can't barge in," said Michael Smith, a freshman who lives in Adams Hall. "That way, if you don't want to put up with it, you don't have to."

Iris Trautmann, also a freshman in Adams, doesn't want to put up with it.

"I've put the sign up on my door just because we've had people come every single night this week," she said. "We got really strange looks, though, because (candidates) were across the hall, and we were, like, 'Sorry, we have homework.'"

Trautmann said her roommate wanted to make her own "Do not disturb" poster before she knew the JEC had distributed them to students through campus mail.

"She basically ran for the poster as she saw people coming," Trautmann said.

For the first time this year, the JEC has provided posters to students who weren't interested in meeting the candidates, as opposed to past years, when students who wanted to open their doors to candidates were asked to put up signs.

Potter said this year's "No campaigning allowed" signs are better than last year's signs. Many students, she said, didn't take the effort to display the

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Panel discusses news cycle

McCurry, Fitzwater, Bierbauer salute rise of SMPA

BY AMY S. MAIO
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry, former White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater and CNN's senior Washington correspondent Charles Bierbauer discussed the existence of 24-hour news outlets and their effect on governance and policy-making Thursday night.

The panel discussion in the Marvin Center, entitled "The 24-



Dave Flintzen/Photo Editor
CNN's senior Washington correspondent Charles Bierbauer traces 24-hour news back to town criers.

Hour News Cycle: Governing in the Information Age," commemorated the first anniversary of GW's School of Media and Public Affairs.

The panelists gave their perspectives on the recent rise of 24-hour news outlets such as CNN and MSNBC, related their experiences on both sides of the "24-hour news cycle" and answered questions from a standing-room-only audience.

The idea of a continuous news cycle is not a new phenomenon, Bierbauer said. He said it dates back to the days when town criers walked the streets shouting "two o'clock and all's well!" But technological advances have changed the way news is transmitted, increasing the desire for instant access to news.

Fitzwater, who served under former Presidents Reagan and Bush, said the creation of satellites and computers, with their ability to transmit news quickly to every part of the world, helped drive the rise of 24-hour news.

But changes in news media operations altered the way policy decisions are made, Fitzwater said. Because the capability exists, Americans want to "see the news instead of being told about it," he said. Policy decisions and the government's response to events going on in the world also must be made more quickly.

"Twenty-four hour news means 24-hour government," Fitzwater said.

McCurry agreed, adding that

The White House press office is structured in such a way that it is capable of responding to news at any given moment.

A call may come at 2:15 a.m. for official reaction to an event that just occurred, and The White House must be ready. But McCurry said sometimes a lack of information on the part of The White House means it can give no response at all. He said in those situations he merely tells the press that The White House is looking into the matter.

Bierbauer said such responses are understandable.

"You have to expect the answer to be 'I don't know,'" in such situations, he said.

McCurry also said the speed in which news is brought to the public has impacted the way print journalism operates. Print media is dissatisfied giving its audience the same information CNN has already reported, he said.

As a result, it has switched from an information medium to an "analysis of why (the newsmakers) did it ... we become obsessed with the 'why' and less and less (with) the 'who-what-where-when-and-how'" traditionally involved in print media, he said.



Dave Flintzen/Photo Editor

White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry and Marlin Fitzwater, President Bush's press secretary, discuss the 24-hour news cycle.

"We need to get the news media to slow down," he added.

The panelists raised the issue of "tabloid journalism," and although they viewed it as a threat to the news media, McCurry said he has seen "glimmers" that the media is steering clear of that sort of reporting.

He praised the decisions of net-

work executives to broadcast President Clinton's State of the Union address in its entirety rather than cutting to the announcement of a verdict in the O.J. Simpson civil trial in Santa Monica, Calif. He also cited the relative lack of coverage of Chelsea Clinton, saying the press has let her lead a private life while living in The White House.

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Election 1997

Hopefuls offer ideas, vision

SA presidential candidates discuss campaign ethics

BY SUSAN SCHULTZ
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

As this year's campus election entered its final week, the Joint Elections Committee provided candidates for the Student Association presidency, the Marvin Center Governing Board and various SA Senate positions a chance to debate their opponents and answer student questions Thursday night.

SA presidential candidates Jeff Butler, Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar, Andrew Lewis, Terry Miller Jr. and Adam Siple discussed student advocacy, goals for the SA and this year's campaign.

The floor was opened to questions from the audience after a two-minute opening statement from each candidate.

"The SA spends more time promoting itself rather than its students," Butler said in his opening statement. "I intend to focus on reforming funding allocations and financial aid."

Golparvar also addressed a change of focus in the SA, stressing his platform of aid, access and advocacy.

Lewis, meanwhile, said, "I have the ability, dedication and leadership that is needed for this presidency. My vision is to build on success."

Miller asked, "What is the SA and what can it do for the students?" He added that he wants "to make the SA an advocacy group for the students."

"I want to get students behind the issues by holding issue awareness forums, working with both graduate students and undergraduates at GW and focusing on long-term planning," Siple said.

Alan Bobb, Tara Balsley and Bob Nelson, candidates for the two

School of Medicine and Health Sciences Senate seats, addressed the issues of student health insurance, future seminars on eating disorders and medical school tuition increases.

The candidates for SA undergraduate senator at large, Carrie Potter, Patrick Macmanus and Patrick Preston, stressed the need to update and improve various campus services.

"We need to inform the students on what GW has, such as its writing center, math labs and SA test files," Potter said.

"We need to consider extending Gelman Library's hours, improving the response time for the escort service and put more of our efforts toward services like the counseling center," Macmanus said.

"I feel that we need to improve GW Dining Services," Preston said. To accomplish that, he suggested that GW take "students like sophomores off the meal plan ... then Dining Services will have to lower prices and raise food quality in order to compete for the students' money."

Jeff Baxter, Jonathan Pompan, Amina Chaudary, Patrick Lincoln and Michael Petron are competing for the four positions available on the Marvin Center Governing Board. All of the candidates focused on reestablishing the Marvin Center as a student union at Thursday's debate.

Lincoln said, "We need a student union for the students." Chaudary stated, "The Marvin Center Governing Board is the key to returning the Marvin Center to the students."

Candidates for the SA presidency also replied to several questions from the audience. One student asked the candidates to rate their campaign ethics based upon

JEC rules.

Golparvar responded, "My campaign has been the cleanest of all the candidates. The people involved care about getting me elected."

"I have made a couple of mistakes," Lewis said. "However, I am an ethical and honest person of good character."

"I get by with a little help from my friends and I have not promised anything to anyone in my campaign," Siple said.

Butler said, "You must run a campaign that you think is ethical. Integrity is following the rules that you were meant to follow."

Miller replied, "I have a five-point violation and that was an accident. I ran a completely clean campaign."

Another audience member asked the candidates what they have done for GW students during the past month.

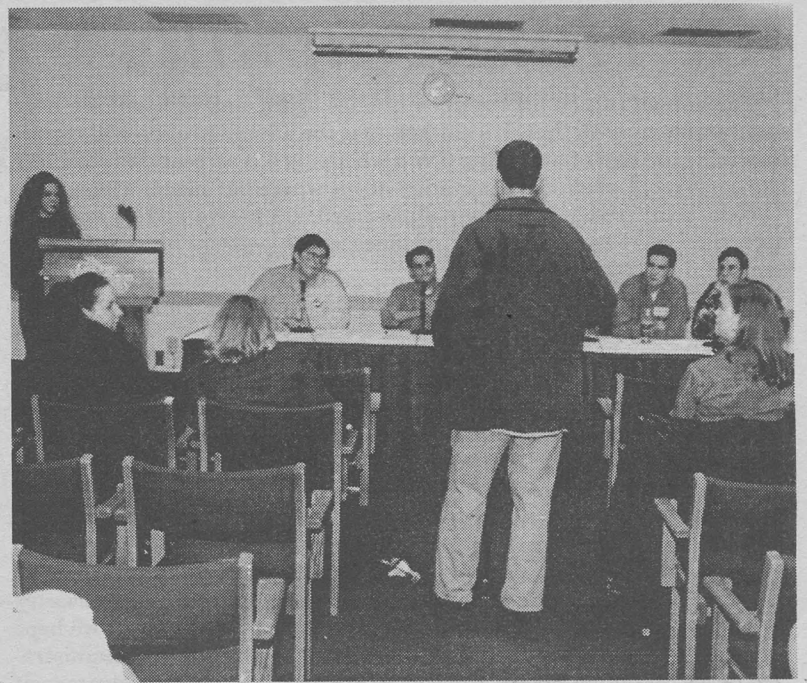
"I have priorities," Lewis said. "First, my academics, then working in the SA as the chair of the committee on finances and then my campaign."

Siple answered, "On Tuesday, I put forth a resolution on recycling. Other issues I am involved in are student Metro passes, student parking and financial aid."

"I am not currently in the SA, but I am raising new concerns and ideas to generate thought," Butler said.

"I do not hold a position in the SA," Miller said. "However, you need to realize that résumés do not always equal results. On my own I have found housing for 15 of my friends and scholarship money for my friends with financial needs."

Golparvar said, "I work two positions in the SA. I am scheduling an off-campus housing orientation for March 10 or 11, and am currently working on the spring



Dave Fintzen/Photo Editor

Candidates for the Marvin Center Governing Board debate their visions for the future of the student union.

schedule for ambassador lectures, including the Austrian and Indian ambassadors."

Butler asked his fellow candidates how much each of them had spent on their campaigns.

"If you cannot budget your own campaign, how can we expect you to allocate funds for the SA?" Butler asked.

Miller replied, "I have probably spent close to the \$400 cap." Golparvar answered that he had been extremely frugal.

"I funded the campaign out of my own pockets and it was under \$400," Lewis said.

Siple said he had spent about \$250 on the campaign.

In answer to his own question, Butler said he had spent only \$50.

In closing, the candidates were each given two minutes for final words.

Miller stated, "If the SA wants to gain for students it must be aggressive and persistent."

"We need to be better and more represented," Butler said. "Our current student government is obsolete and we need to make it do something for us."

"What people will vote for is someone who has done something, someone who is passionate and articulate," Siple said. "I have that vision."

"It is now up to you, the students, to consider each of the platforms," Lewis said. "Remember, build on success."

Golparvar responded, "I know what is realistic and what is unrealistic. I would like to continue my service."

The debate was taped Thursday night and televised at J Street during lunch hours Friday.

Potential leaders debate their opponents

EVP and PB candidates address students' concerns

BY FRANCESCA DI MEGLIO
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Candidates seeking positions on the Student Association and the Program Board were given the opportunity to debate their opponents and answer questions from students in the Mitchell Hall Theater Wednesday.

All of the candidates for SA executive vice president - Jahna Hartwig, Tony Sayegh and Kirti Patel - said they want to build stronger ties with the general student body, and each had his or her own idea about how to accomplish that.

Hartwig said she hopes to provide "proven leadership and practical solutions to student problems." She said she also would like to reach students by placing a student concern box on campus, updating World Wide Web pages and establishing office hours for all senators.

Hartwig also said she wants to create a student Metro pass, which she has been working on since October 1995. She added that she will meet with the Metro director in two weeks to discuss her goal.

Sayegh said he would like to be the link between students and the

administration. He also said he will require senators to meet with their constituencies.

Sayegh said he would create a Student Organization Resource Committee to strengthen clubs and organizations on campus.

Patel described her plan for a house of representatives that would consist of representatives from every student organization as well as Greek-letter organizations.

Sayegh challenged Patel's idea and said, "The house of representatives failed in the past. Student information forums, town meetings and more accountability for senators would be more effective."

Hartwig agreed that the house "would create more bureaucracy" and questioned its efficiency considering the number of students involved.

"Is the SA the type of organization that says we've tried before and now we're going to give up?" Patel responded.

Patel asked Sayegh about his plan to allow students to drop an F from their transcripts.

Sayegh said other "highly respected institutions" already allow students to drop an F, so they can enhance their GPA. "This could

only benefit GW," he added.

Soraya Tabibi, a candidate for PB executive chair, said she would create a PB think tank for students to place ideas and criticisms to get input from student liaisons involved with other organizations on campus.

She said she gained experience as chair of GW's 175th anniversary board, and her main experience is in programming large events.

After initiating International Week, candidate Thanh Yves Nguyen said he would like to focus on international programming as PB chair. "I have better and more experience on the PB," he added.

Candidates for the two Elliott School of International Affairs undergraduate Senate seats, Josh Eisenman, Robert Siegel and Mark Levin, agreed that advising needs to be improved.

Levin proposed a complete reconstruction of the SA Constitution because the constitution causes student "apathy," he said.

"There are many parts (of the constitution) that are broad," Levin said. "Several areas limit the rights of students, which is why there is so much student apathy ... the students have spoken by not speaking. They don't vote. They don't care."

Siegel said rewriting the SA Constitution would be a waste of time and energy because it is efficient as it stands. He said he would like to improve academic advising and financial aid services, establish requirements for teaching assistants and increase the number of classes and discussion sessions.

"We state we are a Green University, but we're not," Siegel said. He added that he hopes to increase environmental awareness and recycling on campus.

Eisenman said he "has not spent much time thinking about the constitution," but he said he would look into it if that is what his constituency wanted.

Eisenman said he wants to increase internships, expand study abroad programs and establish a degree audit.

Derek Pillie, Jesse Strauss, Jason Haber, Catherine Sandler and Ed Meinert are running for the four Columbian School of Arts and Sciences undergraduate Senate seats.

Pillie said he would like to better inform students about SA issues, make it easier for policy decisions to be made, create a media resource center for students wishing to create student group newsletters and better coordinate charter programs.

"We're all investors in this school, and we should be treated like that," Pillie said.

Strauss said he wants the SA to consider students' needs before business affairs. "We're in a billion dollar enterprise. You can feel like a peon or a shareholder. GW has the potential to make us feel like shareholders. I can do that," he said.

Like many of the candidates, Strauss said he hopes to create town hall meetings.

Haber said he wants to create a student car rental service. He also said he "hopes to force the administration to place double majors and double minors on transcripts."

Haber said the SA should interact more with students and said, "The SA should pretend they are in the Stone Age and meet people face to face."

"Senators must advocate for every student," Sandler said.

She also expressed her anger about getting the "run-around at the financial aid office," and said she hopes to change that.

Meinert said "individual candidates are the most important aspect of the campaign," and he will be 100 percent dedicated if elected.

"I want to get people excited about the SA," Meinert said. "I want to get people excited about GW."

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Hiking uphill

The annual tuition hike is upon us once again, and as usual, we have some problems with that. It's not just that the administration will reportedly raise the cost of attending GW a whopping 6.9 percent. It's that we'd like some more concrete information about where our money's going.

Next year, students will pay almost \$29,000 to live and go to school here. The increase supposedly includes a 6.2 percent jump in tuition alone and a \$200 "technology fee."

Certainly it's about time someone did something about the availability of (read: lack of) technological services here. Residence hall rooms should all provide computer hookups for easy access, and GWIS needs the ability to support a graphical interface to the World Wide Web. Most importantly, students shelling out nearly \$30,000 a year for the privilege of going to GW should not have to stand in line in the labs waiting for a free computer.

In addition to improving technology, the University promises improvements in the overworked, understaffed and unproductive financial aid office. The way things are now, lost forms and late packages have screwed up the lives of countless students trying to put together enough money to stay at GW. Fixing the financial aid problem also must be a high priority.

All this aside, we still question the high rate of increase, and we hope student leaders will question it as well when they meet with administrators in the upcoming weeks. We'd have preferred to see administrators sit down with students before meeting with the Board of Trustees, so the Board would know what students are thinking. However, there's still time to scrutinize the University's plan. Student leaders should ask for more details on next year's budget or any plans for expansion.

Students and parents are stockholders in this University. Their investment is their tuition, and their return is the education they receive. But it seems now like the premiums are going up while the dividends stay flat. We want to see a number of tangible improvements on this campus next year. Such a high tuition increase demands it.

Immune system

The nation of Georgia has decided to revoke the diplomatic immunity of an embassy official so he can stand trial here for the death of a teenage girl, a gracious decision that sets a good precedent for the future.

Joviane Waltrick, a 16-year-old girl from Bethesda, Md., died when George Makharadze's speeding car crashed into hers near Dupont Circle. Makharadze was allegedly drunk at the time. At first, Waltrick's family and others feared the diplomat would not have to face charges, but now their fears have been put to rest.

As far as keeping his good standing at home goes, it would have been easier for Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze to refuse to revoke immunity in this case. Makharadze is popular in his native land, and there was considerable opposition there to lifting immunity. But Shevardnadze obviously foresaw the damage such inaction would do to U.S.-Georgian relations. He also likely thought about what he and the Georgian people would want had the situation been reversed.

As Makharadze goes to trial, embassy officials in both countries – and indeed, around the world – must put in perspective what this means for the diplomatic establishment. Immunity is still essential and must be guaranteed to anyone who serves his or her country abroad.

If Georgia had chosen not to lift immunity, as unfortunate as such a situation would have been, the United States could not in good conscience have done anything more. However, the precedent set here ensures good relations between these two countries and is an example for the rest of the world.

OPINION

Neighborhood freaks sure do try, but they don't spoil SMPA panel

One of the great things about this University that even heartless cynics like me can appreciate is the opportunities that our Washington location provides. Only at GW can you see political bigwigs like George McGovern, Susan Molinari or Mark Warner walking down the street and not think it's a big deal.

Even better is the fact that the movers and shakers of the political world frequently come to GW to address audiences and, well, just chat about whatever's on their mind. Just last week we had communarians, Washington Post columnists, National Organization for Women President Patricia Ireland and gun control activist Sarah Brady on campus.

Thursday, the School of Media and Public Affairs celebrated its first anniversary with a trio of big-name guests: White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry, his predecessor Marlin Fitzwater and CNN correspondent Charles Bierbauer.

(In the interest of full disclosure, I should reveal that I'm a journalism major who has classes with several of the professors who helped organize this event, including moderator and former Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern and SMPA acting chair Jean Folkerts. So you'll just have to trust me that I'm not really brown-nosing when I say this was a terrific program.)

If you were there, you know these three guys got into a discussion about the pressures and drawbacks of the 24-hour news cycle. The sense of agreement among the three men – one representing a Democrat, one formerly representing a Republican and one representing an institution professionally adversarial to both of them – was fascinating.

The only drawback to this meeting of the minds was that in the slightly cramped quarters in the Marvin Center, a variety of

grownups had infiltrated this discussion – and when the Q&A part came, all heck broke loose.

Unfortunately, the first guy who got called on was, despite his marginally normal appearance, a nut case. I say that not as a professional psychologist, but as an astute observer of the human condition who can recognize an A-1 out-of-his-gourd fruitcake.

This guy began with a rambling question about him saving his client from two corrupt FBI agents and a press conference last year that wasn't covered because of a snowstorm in Cleveland and wondered what the panelists could tell him about media suppression.

Thankfully, professors Stern and Steven Livingston stopped him before he mentioned the alien abductions, cattle mutilations and

McCurry tried to politely answer that the growth of new media outlets has increased competition for these passes, and that he would try to help her out in the future. A nice job on his part of defusing this ticking time bomb of an old hag.

Anyway, after a few University Police officers appeared in the hall and were milling around the door, the rest of the evening went much smoother.

The point of this rant? A few folks around me had said before the event that this would have been a terrific discussion to air on C-SPAN, and they were right. But it's probably a good thing it didn't, because GW would have come across to the viewers as a dumping ground for the rude, the incoherent and the terminally insane.

And the thing is, students were 10 times better behaved and more interesting questioners than the adults! The nuttiest question the panelists received from a student was afterward – I asked Bierbauer what it would take to get him to join his colleague Wolf Blitzer at a few Colonials games. (His answer: Blitzer and Bierbauer aren't allowed to appear in the same room at the same time. I kid you not.)

Anyway, it still was a great event. I just feel bad that the price you pay for publicizing an event is that the local riffraff come out of the woodwork and feel entitled to waste the time of three important guests with questions ranging from the deranged to the ridiculous.

My suggestion? Arm an usher with a tranquilizer dart. If a questioner begins to mention how "The X-Files" is a documentary, zip! One shot, and they're out like a light.

If requiring questions to be on topic of discussion is part of a secret campaign of media suppression, I'll gladly sign on as an intern to the Global Conspiracy of Evil.

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Area 51. (Although I'm sure to nut-boy down the aisle, the two were simply acting out their orders from the Trilateral Commission to silence him.)

The discussion continued normally for a while, but then some woman asked McCurry why she couldn't get a White House press pass for her magazine. She showed the audience her rag, a publication apparently created with green construction paper run through a mimeograph. Her manner had all the subtlety and politeness of Dennis Rodman and she wouldn't let professor Stern interrupt her because she, in her words, had donated \$100,000 to this University.

(As a guy behind her surmised, we all donate \$100,000 to this University, babe. It just takes us four years.)

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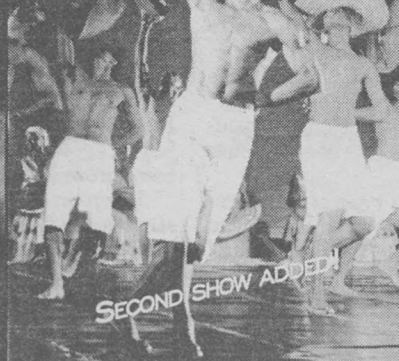
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The fee also would be charged to graduate students — but the amount would be based on students' number of credit hours.

Rather than recommending a proposal to the Board of Trustees Friday for its approval, Trachtenberg said he went to them for advice.

"As soon as we have a full package together, we'll sit down and go over it" with the student leaders, said Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz.

"We were student leaders last May, we could have been approached about it last May, over the summer, in October. This wasn't pulled out of a hat at the meeting (Friday). This is no secret," McKenna said.

The tuition increase comes despite the success of the Centuries Campaign to augment the University's endowment.

Administrators announced Fri-

day that the campaign has already raised \$143 million, almost half of the goal set to be reached in the next three years. Yearly interest from the campaign alone could amount to as much as \$1.4 million.

"Without the Centuries Campaign, tuition would be obliged to go up even more," Trachtenberg said.

"More money will be spent on student services than is paid for by student tuition," he added. The remainder will be drawn from "philanthropy" and from the endowment, Trachtenberg added.

"The trustees are very tuition-sensitive. It was largely their initiative to hold tuition back last year. This year, the trustees felt we had made such a persuasive case that they went beyond what we had asked for and said 'do it sooner and take the additional money, if you need to (from the endowment),' he said.

Campaigns kick off in residence halls

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signs in the past, which made it difficult for the candidates to campaign.

"I think it's a good thing to get your face out and stuff, but some people are bothered by it, and that's why the signs do need to be there so they can have that option," she said.

"I think it's very effective because a lot of people aren't really interested in going out and finding out for themselves about the candidates and the Student Association," Potter said. "So if you go out to them, it makes them kind of understand what the whole point of the election is."

Preston disagreed.

"If (students) wanted to know about these candidates, about each race, they would go make the effort to go to a forum, they would read up about it, or they would contact the candidate to come for a personal meeting," Preston said. "Most people would not want to be part of a gigantic day of door-to-door campaigning in which they were just one stop among thousands."

Smith admitted there are benefits to door-to-door campaigning.

"You get to hear what they have to say instead of not knowing anything about them and choosing blindly," he said.

Jim Igoe, another Thurston freshman, agreed.

"Most of the candidates are upperclassmen," Igoe said. "I

think it's effective just to get to know them."

Freshman Joe Jareck, who lives in Thurston, said he learned more about the campaign from reading the campaign mailers and the synopsis in The GW Hatchet than he did from door-to-door campaigning.

"I don't think (door-to-door campaigning) is annoying, but I don't think it helps that much," Jareck said. "I don't know how much the message gets across."

Preston said he hopes his fellow candidates would not bother students by door-to-door campaigning.

"In terms of just being a greedy candidate, in terms of what it all costs, you could probably pick up a couple votes, and that's probably enough for some people," he said.

But Macmanus said it is those few votes that make the difference.

"In my opinion and in my experience ... every vote counts in the end," Macmanus said, "and if you meet five people in the residence halls who say that they'll vote for you, then that's important."

"Every vote does count, and getting to know the constituents does count," Macmanus said. "If these are people that you want to lead in the year, you gotta get to know them somehow. The ultimate goal that you're trying to achieve is trying to get to know your people."

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ENGINEERS' COUNCIL, Engineering Career Fair. Marvin Center Ballroom, 3rd Floor, Noon-4:00 PM. Career Center Speaker Panel, Marvin Center 405 Council Meeting, Academic Center 6th Floor Conference Room. Info? Contact Julia at 331-2050.

SAILING CLUB, Information Meeting. Marvin Center 401. Info? email us at gwsail@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu

STUDY ABROAD, AIFS Information Session. AIFS has study abroad programs all over the world, including Australia, Japan, Russia and Spain. Stuart 103, 3:00 PM.

Second Step Advising Session. Stuart Hall 104, 2:30 PM.

Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

COUNSELING CENTER, Academic Success Series, "Remember What You're Taught". Learn to improve your short-term and long-term memory. 2033 K Street, suite 330, 4:10-5:30 PM. Info? Call 994-5300.

ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, The Legacies of World War II in Contemporary East Asia. Weekly Brown Bag Luncheon Lecture. Stuart 103, Noon-1:00 PM. Info? Contact Margaret at 994-6240.

GW MOCK TRIAL TEAM, General Meeting. Bell 301A, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Cat at 994-0624.

HILLEL GRADUATE GROUP, General Meeting, 2300 H Street, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Ian at 337-3819.

STUDENTS FOR RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS, Planning Meeting. ALL ARE WELCOME! Government Hall, Room 309, 8:30 PM. Info? email Jeannie at latenser@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu

STUDY ABROAD, Madrid Information Session. Stuart Hall 103, 3:00 AM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

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STUDY ABROAD, Center for Global Education, Information Session for programs in Latin America, South Africa and Central America. Stuart Hall 103, Noon. General Information Session. Stuart 104, 1:00 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

ENGINEERS' COUNCIL, Barbecue. Marvin Center 3rd Floor Terrace with static display of EECS logo entries, 12:30 PM. Info? Contact Julia at 331-2050.

GW MOCK TRIAL TEAM, Regional Mock Trial Competition. UMD, 4:00 PM. Info? Contact Cat at 994-0624.

STUDY ABROAD, Second Step Advising Session. Stuart Hall 104, 11:30 AM.

General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 3:00 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

ENGINEERS' COUNCIL, Engineers Ball. Washington Marriott. Info? Contact Julia at 331-2050.

GW MOCK TRIAL TEAM, Regional Mock Trial Competition. UMD, 10:00 AM. Info? Contact Cat at 994-0624.

WELLNESS PROGRAM, Get Away From It All: Mindfulness and Meditation Retreat. Smith Center 101, 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM. Reservations Required. Info? Contact Jacci at 994-8000.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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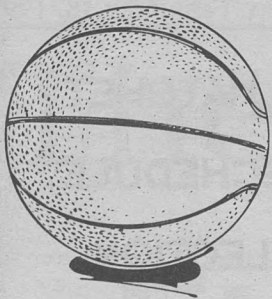
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The Muted Cheer

Ranked teams stay strong on road to March

As college basketball's regular season storms to an end and March Madness yearns to start, the top teams are invariably tested by conference road games against blood rivals.

The end of February contains conference battles as squads jockey for high seeds in their conference tournaments and the NCAA Tournament. For other teams, the final two weeks are a chance to impress the NCAA committee and get an invitation to the Tournament.

No. 24 UCLA survived a tough week in the Pacific 10. Road wins at No. 11 Arizona and Arizona State give the Bruins a one-game lead over Southern California in the conference. UCLA is the team of the week.

The Bruins began a tough end-of-February schedule with the big win in Tucson. UCLA junior forward J. R. Henderson hit the game-winning shot Thursday to snap Arizona's 11-game home winning streak, and he poured in 19 against ASU.

The PAC 10 may finally be settled Thursday as USC visits Pauley Pavilion. The Bruins complete a tough stretch of games Sunday when No. 6 Duke arrives in California for a late-season non-conference battle.

Duke remained hot this week by winning tough Atlantic Coast Conference road games against Virginia and Florida State. The Blue Devils' high ranking will be severely tested as they race for an ACC regular season title. Duke plays three ranked teams - Clemson, Maryland and North Carolina - in addition to UCLA.

No. 3 Minnesota also followed the road game theme of the week. The Golden Gophers topped Purdue and Iowa this week. Both victories came on the road. If UM wants to hold on to a No. 1 seed in the NCAAs, it will need to beat the two ranked teams - Illinois and Michigan - they play in the next 10 days.

North Carolina is starting to play better basketball and has given itself an outside shot at the ACC regular season title. However, head coach Dean Smith (who, despite having had foreign-born players on his team for years, has never once complained about "discrimination" against his players by officials as head coach Mike Jarvis did following GW's loss to Xavier) must contend with a finishing schedule matched only by that of Duke's. It begins Wednesday in the Muted Cheer's game of the week as Wake Forest takes on UNC. The Tar Heels then go to Maryland Saturday before closing with games against Clemson and Duke.

-Dave Adler

Colonial Women take three in easy fashion GW win streak now stands at 18

BY BEN OSBORNE AND
DUSTIN GOUKER
HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

The GW women's basketball team recorded three fairly easy victories during the weekend, extending its unbeaten streak to 18 games and its home-court winning streak to 33 games. Head coach Joe McKeown also notched his 100th career Atlantic 10 victory with a win over Dayton.

GW 86, Georgetown 62

Monday night was senior night for the Colonial Women (21-4, 14-0 A-10), making the evening doubly sweet for seniors Tajama Abraham, Lisa Cermignano and Colleen McCrea as they easily dispatched cross-town rival Georgetown 86-62.

"I am really proud of my seniors, not just because of the way they played tonight, but because of the four years they've been with this program," McKeown said.

Abraham turned in the best statistical game of the three, with 29 points and seven rebounds. Junior Noelia Gomez upstaged the three seniors, recording a double-double of 14 boards and a career-high 32 points.

"We invited some double teams just to free up other people, and I think Gomez really benefited from that," McKeown said. "Those two (Abraham and Gomez) inside just give you a great one-two punch offensively."

The Colonial Women broke the game open in the second half with

67 percent shooting after taking a 37-25 lead into halftime. Abraham and Gomez scored 12 of the first 15 points of the half to open up a 58-38 GW lead from which the Lady Hoyas never recovered.

GW 73, Dayton 42

The Colonial Women, after a horrid shooting performance in the first half (24 percent) Saturday night against the Lady Flyers, turned things around in the second, scorching the nets with 58 percent shooting to win handily, 73-42.

"We just had a lot of open looks that didn't go in," McKeown said of GW's first half woes. "The only concern I had was that we get the lid off the rim."

Despite the lackluster shooting in the first half, the Colonial Women still had a 27-17 lead coming out of the intermission. GW essentially put the game away in the opening minutes of the second half, rattling off 12 straight points - including two treys by Cermignano - and holding the Lady Flyers scoreless for the first 4:11 of the half to open up a 41-17 lead. Tajama Abraham led the scoring barrage with a game-high 21 points.

"In the second half they hit another gear and showed us why they're the 24th best team in the country," Dayton head coach Clemette Haskins said.

GW 81, Xavier 64

Noelia Gomez poured in 27



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

GW point guard Colleen McCrea celebrated senior night in style, helping the Colonial Women take a 86-62 win over Georgetown.

points in just 27 minutes of playing time to lead GW to a sloppy 81-64 win over Xavier Thursday at the Smith Center. The win was GW's 16th straight, setting a new record for the school.

For the first 27 minutes of the game, it was business as usual for the Colonial Women. They took a 46-31 lead into the locker room at halftime, and then burst out to a 61-35 lead when Gomez hit her fourth three-pointer of the game.

Besides Gomez's strong play,

GW also got 22 points and 10 rebounds from Abraham.

The Colonial Women's main ball-handlers, McCrea, Cermignano and Marlo Eggleston, were uncharacteristically sloppy throughout the game. All three had at least five turnovers, and the team had a season-high 29, many coming late in the game.

"The last 10 minutes of the game we played terribly," McKeown said. "Twenty-nine turnovers is ridiculous."

GW continues one-up, one-down streak with loss to Xavier, huge win over Dukes

BY MATT BONESTEEL
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a sight the Smith Center denizens had not seen in a long, long time. The GW men's basketball team was actually shooting the lights out.

With an offensive output not seen so far this season, the Colonials played almost flawless basketball in a 90-56 demolition of Atlantic 10 West rival Duquesne Monday night. GW shot 52.5 percent from the field in improving its record to 12-10, 6-6 A-10. More importantly, the win tied GW with Virginia Tech for second place in the A-10 West Division, setting the stage for Thursday night, when the Hokies visit the Smith Center at 7:30 p.m.

The Colonials used a 20-2 run midway through the first half to turn a one-point deficit into a 17-point lead. GW enlarged its lead from there, based on 73.9 percent shooting from the field in the first half.

"(Duquesne) is a very aggressive team, and we are normally at our best against aggressive teams," GW head coach Mike Jarvis said.

Yegor Mescheriakov led the barrage for the Colonials, scoring 22 points on 10-16 shooting. Point guard Shawnta Rogers added 17, while Andrei Krivonos set a career-high with 12 points. Back-up center Ferdinand Williams, a senior, also set a career best with seven points.

"I didn't really go into the game thinking that I would be a scoring machine," Williams said. "I just went in and did my role - to collect the garbage."

The GW blowout is even more amazing considering center Alexander Koul played only 21 minutes, sitting most of the game due to foul trouble. It also did not hurt that every Colonial player, including walk-on Sam Anyan and little-used center Francisco De Miranda, scored at least one point.

Guard Mike James led the Dukes with 22 points, while Kevin Price came off the bench to score 18 points and grab a game-high 10 rebounds.

Xavier 87, GW 76

The last time GW faced Xavier, on Jan. 23, the Colonials used a slow-down offense in an attempt to take the wind out of the Musketeers' fast break attack. That scheme worked for about a half as Xavier eventually pulled out the 62-61 win.

Saturday in Cincinnati, GW used a more physical game that again worked for about a half. But that knock-down style of play eventually hurt the Colonials, as Xavier took advantage of its many trips to the free throw line to up-end GW 87-76 in front of 10,100 at the Cincinnati Gardens.

It seemed as if the Colonials had tired themselves out by the nine-minute mark of the second half, when they held a slim one-point lead. Xavier then proceeded to go on a 17-4 run to take a double-digit lead that it would hold for the rest of the game.

GW was in foul trouble the whole game, and three Colonials, including the indispensable Koul, fouled out. The absence of Koul down low meant that Xavier big man T.J. Johnson could have his way. He finished with a season-high 20 points and 12 rebounds.

The Colonials dominated the first half and would have had a huge lead going into the break had Xavier not been so successful at the foul line. The Musketeers hit 20-24 free throws in the opening period, holding the GW lead to only four points when the buzzer sounded.

Rogers led the GW charge, scoring 21 points on 8-16 shooting from the field. Mescheriakov added 18 while J.J. Brade continued his strong play with 12 points and six rebounds.

Xavier had four other players in double figures besides Johnson. Point guard Lenny Brown hit 9-14 free throws on his way to 17 points, while James Posey came off the bench to score 15 points and grab 14 rebounds.